**Minutes of Annual Ecclesiastical Assembly**

**Of St Brelade’s Parish Church**

**Held in St Brelade’s Church Hall**

**On Tuesday 21st May 2019**

**Present:**

Rev. Mark Bond Chairman

Frank Walker Church Warden

John Trafford Church Warden

Peter Norman Procurer

Arthur Morley Procurer

There were 7 Parishioners present

Apologies were received from the Connetable Mr Mike Jackson and Jane Cuthbert.

Rev Mark Bond welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the Convening Notice.

1. **To Receive and Approve the** **Minutes of the Ecclesiastical Assembly held on 29th May 2018, in the Church Hall.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held in May 2018 were approved.

Proposed by: Mr Eddie Cuthbert Seconded by: Mrs Fiona Walker

2. **Tresor Accounts**

The Tresor account was allocated £30,000 from the Parish, which is for the general upkeep of the churchyard/church and rectory.

The Church drew down £18,000 with the Parish spending another £15,000 on Tresor’s behalf. Three projects were carried out during the year: Replacement gates for the New Cemetery; Replacement benches around the Church Hall and Churchyard; Repairs to the party wall between the church and the neighbouring property. The Parish spent £4,800 on Rectory scaffolding and £6,039 on Rectory redecoration. Apart from those projects the money was spent on general maintenance around the churchyards and the Rectory as Tresor contributes towards gardening working at the Rectory.

A project for the future is some remedial work to the surface of the car park

The Church and the Churchyard are all in good condition. Frank expressed his thanks to the Sextons and the Verger for their hard work.

The Tresor account closed the year with £8,680 in the bank.

The Rector said he receives compliments on how good the inside and outside of the Church and Rectory look, which is thanks to the Parish for their funding and to the Verger and Sextons for their work.

Proposer of Tresor Accounts: Mr John Trafford; Seconder: Mr Norman Moss

3. **Election of Church Officers.**

1. **Almoners.** Rev Mark Bond said how blessed we are to have two very good Almoners who spend every Tuesday morning counting and banking all the cash. However Mr Alan Higginbotham has decided to stand down this year and Mrs Vicky Valois has agreed to replace him; Mr Peter Le Sueur has agreed to stand again, so Mrs Vicky Valois and Mr Peter Le Sueur were re-elected and asked to present themselves at the Royal Court on Saturday 15th June for the official swearing in. Peter is away regularly for work and Alan Higginbotham; Eddie Cuthbert and Norman Moss have all offered to help cover in his absence.
2. **Churchwardens**. Both Churchwardens Mr Frank Walker and Mr John Trafford have agreed to stand again.

Therefore, both John Trafford and Frank Walker were re-elected and asked to present themselves at the Royal Court on Saturday 15th June for the official swearing in.

4. **Connetable’s Address.**

In the Connetable’s absence, Mr Peter Norman as Procurer said a few words on his behalf and they are both pleased to confirm the continued working relationship between the Parish and the Parish Church. There is no doubt that whatever we do has to adapt to the modern day requirements of our society but we shouldn’t lose sight of the working framework of this relationship which as been in place for many years and has stood the tests of time.

St Brelade is blessed in having a working church estate in such an idyllic setting and it is our role to preserve it for future generations.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm